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### FRANCIS KUEEN SAN THU, MARY LUKE THU, CATHERINE THU, VICTORIA THU, AND ANNE BERNADETTE THU

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 56]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 56) for the relief of Francis Kueen San Thu, Mary Luke Thu, Catherine Thu, Victoria Thu, and Anne Bernadette Thu, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Francis Kueen San Thu, his wife Mary Luke Thu, and their three children, Catherine Thu, Victoria Thu, and Anne Bernadette Thu. The bill provides for appropriate quota deductions and for the payment of the required visa fees and head taxes.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiaries of the bill are husband and wife and three children, all of whom are natives and citizens of China, who were last admitted to the United States as visitors on August 1, 1949. Mr. Thu for many years was the agent in Hankow, China, for the Asiatic Petroleum Co. and was distributor for the British-American Tobacco Co. The children were all educated in the United States, and Mr. and Mrs. Thu have one other daughter, who is a permanent resident of the United States and who is married to Mr. Paul Chang, a citizen of the United States.

A letter dated October 25, 1950, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General, with reference to a bill which was introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same aliens, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., October 25, 1950.

Hon. PAT MCCARRAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 3695) for the relief of Francis Kueen San Thu, Mary Luke Thu, Catherine Thu, Victoria Thu, and Anne Bernadette Thu, aliens.

The bill would provide that Francis Kueen San Thu, Mary Luke Thu, Catherine Thu, Victoria Thu, and Anne Bernadette Thu shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of their last entries, upon payment of the required head taxes and visa fees. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer to deduct the required numbers from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Francis Kueen San Thu and Mary Luke Thu are husband and wife, natives and citizens of China, born on August 16, 1883, in Hankow, China, and June 28, 1887, in Shanghai, China, respectively. Catherine Thu, Victoria Thu, and Anne Bernadette Thu, their three daughters, are single and are also natives and citizens of China, and were all born in Hankow, China, on October 10, 1907, February 12, 1911, and September 18, 1923, respectively. The aliens last entered the United States at the port of San Francisco, Calif., on August 1, 1949, and were admitted as temporary visitors to October 17, 1949, under section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924. They subsequently received extensions of stay to July 31, 1950.

Mr. Thu stated that in 1911 he became the agent for the Asiatic Petroleum Co. located in Hankow, China, and was distributor for the British-American Tobacco Co. He further advised that he first entered the United States in August 1940 on a visit for the purpose of accompanying his daughters, Teresa and Anne, who attended schools in this country. He returned to China in November 1945 and remained there until his last arrival in the United States with his family as shown above. Victoria Thu testified that she entered the United States in August 1929, and again in August 1934, for the purpose of attending school. The record also indicates that Anne Thu first entered this country on August 26, 1940, and that after graduating from the University of Arizona she returned to China in 1945.

The aliens testified that their permanent home is located in Hankow, China, which is presently occupied by the Communists. However, it is to be noted that in their application for visitors' visas executed at the American consulate in Hong Kong, China, on June 22, 1949, they indicated that their home address was in Hong Kong, China. It appears that they are financially solvent and that the father has approximately \$30,000 in outstanding bank balances and receives remittances average \$250 a month from property in Hong Kong, China. Mr. Thu has an outstanding bank balance of about \$1,000 and, together with Victoria and Anne, an outstanding balance of \$20,000 in trust.

The Chinese racial quota to which the aliens are chargeable is oversubscribed for many years and immigration visas are not readily obtainable. The record fails to present any facts which would justify granting them a preference over other persons of the Chinese race who desire to obtain residence in the United States but who, nevertheless, remain abroad and await their regular turn for the issuance of immigration visas. To enact this bill would encourage aliens to circumvent our immigration laws by entering the United States as visitors, and then attempting to adjust their status to that of permanent residents, thereby obtaining an unjust preference over the aliens abroad.

Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of the measure.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,  
Deputy Attorney General.

The files of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary contain the following information in connection with the bill:

JAMAICA, LONG ISLAND, N. Y., February 13, 1950.

DEAR MR. CORBALEY: I am wondering if you could help me in the following matter of permanent residence for our family.

Due to the chaotic situation in China, I had moved my whole family to Hong Kong just before Hankow fell into Communist hands in 1949, and in August 1949 we came to the States as visitors with temporary visas. Our intention had been to visit my daughter, Teresa, here and her family, and then return to China, and eventually to Hankow, but now it seems that our hopes have been thwarted by the advances of the Reds in China. It is impossible to go back now without endangering ourselves.

Since you had lived in China for over 30 years and are well acquainted with the conditions there, also we have been such close friends, living across the street from each other, I am sure you realize the situation we are in and the present state of my personal affairs. I would appreciate greatly if you could, with the help of possibly some friends in Washington, D. C., effect a change in our status from that of temporary visitors to that of permanent residents. If permanent residence should be impossible, perhaps permission of indefinite stay could be granted us until such time when it would be safe for us to return to our home. As you are probably aware, Communists do not especially like people who are friendly with Americans, and, as you know, we had always befriended Americans and missionaries in China, and I was connected with the British-American Tobacco Co.

The favor asked above will concern my whole family, whose names are my wife, Mary Thu, and my three unmarried daughters—Catherine, Victoria, and Anne B. Thu.

We would be most grateful for any assistance you could give, and would be glad to furnish further informational data you may require.

With personal regards from all of us to you and yours,

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS THU.

#### FRANCIS KUEEN SAN THU

Age: 66 years.

Sex: Male.

Nationality: Chinese.

Date of birth: August 16, 1883.

Place of birth: Hankow, China.

Foreign address: 8 Station Street, Hankow, China (occupied by Communists).

United States address: 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans 12, Long Island, N. Y.; telephone number: LAurelton 7-1245.

Education: St. Francis Xavier's School, Shanghai, China.

Occupation:

1911-41, agent for Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Hankow, China.

1929-41, distributor for British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Hankow, China.

1945-48, distributor for British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Hankow, China.

Unemployed during first visit and present stay in United States.

First trip to United States:

Date of arrival in United States: August 26, 1940.

Port of entry: Seattle, Wash.

Name of steamer: Steamship *Empress of Russia*.

Accompanied by: Daughters, Misses Teresa and Anne B. Thu.

Visa: Section 6 (visitor's) certificate, issued in Hong Kong.

Alien registration number: Cannot remember; card returned to immigration officer when returned to China in 1945.

Passport: No. [REDACTED], issued by the Chinese consulate general in Chicago, Ill., on July 5, 1941.

Extensions of passport: June 9, 1944; July 5, 1945.

Expiration of passport: July 2, 1946.

Purpose of visit to United States: To accompany daughters to United States for their college education.

Return to China:

Date of departure from United States: November 19, 1945.

Port of departure: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *Javanese*.

## Second trip to United States:

Date of arrival in United States: August 1, 1949.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: steamship *President Cleveland*.

Accompanied by: Wife, Mrs. Mary Thu, and daughters, Misses Catherine, Victoria, and Anne B. Thu.

Passport: No. [REDACTED] (issued in Chicago in 1941); extended by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong on December 18, 1948.

Extensions of passport in United States: September 22, 1949.

Expiration of passport: December 17, 1950.

Nonimmigrant visa: No. [REDACTED], section 3 (2); issued by the American consulate general in Hong Kong on June 22, 1949.

Alien registration No.: [REDACTED] (visa number).

Extensions of visa: October 26, 1949; March 17, 1950.

Expiration of visa: July 31, 1950.

Purpose of visit to United States: To visit married daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter.

## Personal data:

Marital status: Married.

Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic.

Name of wife: Mary Luke Thu.

Number of children: Four daughters—Miss Catherine Thu, Miss Victoria Thu, Mrs. Teresa Chang, and Miss Anne B. Thu.

Height: 5 feet 7 inches.

Weight: 135 pounds.

Physical disabilities: None.

Relatives in United States: Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. T. Chang (daughter and son-in-law), Misses Regina Marie and Denise Ann Chang (granddaughters), all of 119-34 One hundred and Seventy-first Street, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. Paul Chang is a naturalized American citizen, World War II veteran; Mrs. Chang will get United States citizenship in November 1950.

## Bank references:

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger, 67 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Bank of the Manhattan Co., 161-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, N. Y.

## Personal references:

Mr. C. W. Corbaley, Robert Dollar Steamship Co., 21 West Street, New York, N. Y.

Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. John J. Regan, Electrical Workers' Union, A. F. of L., 61 Verndale Road, Newton Highlands, Mass.

Mr. George Bell, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Rev. John J. Regan, 475 Logan Street, Denver, Colo.

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 MARY LUKE THU (MAIDEN NAME)

Age: 62 years.

Sex: Female.

Nationality: Chinese.

Date of birth: June 28, 1887.

Place of birth: Shanghai, China.

Foreign address: 8 Station Street, Hankow, China (occupied by Communists).

United States address: 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y.; telephone LAurelton 7-1245.

Occupation: Housewife.

Date of arrival in United States: August 1, 1949.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *President Cleveland*.

Accompanied by: Husband, Francis K. S. Thu, and three daughters, Misses Catherine, Victoria, and Anne B. Thu.

Purpose of visit to United States: To visit married daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter.

Passport: No. [REDACTED] (coordinated in husband's), issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hong Kong, on December 18, 1948.

Extension of passport in United States: September 22, 1949.

Expiration of passport: December 17, 1950.

Nonimmigrant visa: No. [REDACTED], section 3 (2); issued by the American consulate general in Hong Kong on June 22, 1949.



Alien registration number: XXXXXXXX (visa number).

Extensions of visa: October 26, 1949; March 17, 1950.

Expiration of visa: July 31, 1950.

Personal data:

Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic.

Marital status: Married.

Name of husband: Francis K. S. Thu.

Number of children: Four daughters—Miss Catherine Thu, Miss Victoria Thu, Mrs. Teresa Chang, and Miss Anne B. Thu.

Height: 5 feet 3 inches.

Weight: 120 pounds.

Physical disabilities: None.

Relatives in United States:

Mr. Francis K. S. Thu (husband), Misses Catherine, Victoria, and Anne B. Thu (daughters), all of 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. T. Chang (daughter and son-in-law), Misses Reginia Marie and Denise Ann Chang (granddaughters), all of 119-34 One Hundred and Seventy-first Street, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. Paul Chang is a naturalized American citizen, World War II veteran; Mrs. Chang will get United States citizenship in November 1950.

Bank references: See husband, Francis K. S. Thu's data sheet.

Personal references:

Mr. C. W. Corbaley, Robert Dollar Steamship Co., 21 West Street, New York, N. Y.

Mr. George Bell, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, Ariz.

Rev. John J. Regan, 475 Logan Street, Denver, Colo.

#### CATHERINE THU

Age: 42 years.

Sex: Female.

Nationality: Chinese.

Place of birth: Hankow, China.

Date of birth: October 10, 1907.

Foreign address: 8 Station Street, Hankow, China (occupied by Communists).

United States address: 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y.; telephone: LAurelton 7-1245.

Education: St. Joseph School, Hankow, China.

Occupation: Housework at home.

Date of arrival in United States: August 1, 1949.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: steamship *President Cleveland*.

Accompanied by: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thu, and sisters, Misses Victoria and Anne B. Thu.

Purpose of visit to United States: To visit married sister and brother-in-law.

Passport: No. XXXXX, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hong Kong, on March 16, 1949.

Extension of passport: None.

Expiration of passport: March 15, 1952.

Nonimmigrant visa: No. XXXXXXXX, issued by the American consulate general in Hong Kong on June 22, 1949; section 3 (2).

Extension of visa: January 20, 1950.

Expiration of visa: July 31, 1950.

Alien registration No.: XXXXXXXX (visa number).

Personal data:

Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic.

Parentage: Chinese.

Name of father: Francis K. S. Thu.

Name of mother: Mary Luke Thu.

Marital status: Single.

Height: 5 feet 1 inch.

Weight: 110 pounds.

Physical disabilities: None.

References: For bank references, see Francis Thu's data sheet.

## Personal references:

Mr. C. W. Corbaley, Robert Dollar Steamship Co., 21 West Street, New York, N. Y.

Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. George Bell, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Rev. John J. Regan, 475 Logan Street, Denver, Colo.

## Relatives in United States:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. T. Chang (sister and brother-in-law), 119-34 One Hundred and Seventy-first Street, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.; telephone LAurelton 5-3531; Paul Chang is a naturalized American citizen, World War II veteran. Mrs. Teresa Chang will get United States citizenship in November, 1950.

Misses Regina Marie and Denise Ann Chang, children of above, same address.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis K. S. Thu (parents), Misses Victoria and Anne B. Thu (sisters), all of 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans Long Island, N. Y.

## VICTORIA THU

Age: 39 years.

Sex: Female.

Nationality: Chinese.

Date of birth: February 12, 1911.

Place of birth: Hankow, China.

Foreign address: 8 Station Street, Hankow, China (occupied by Communists).

United States address: 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y.

## Education:

St. Mary's School, Hankow, China.

St. Joseph's School, Hankow, China.

St. Angela's Academy, Carroll, Iowa, 1929-33.

St. Catherine's College, St. Paul, Minn., 1934-35.

## First trip to United States:

Date of arrival: August 1929.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *President Wilson*.

Passport: Student.

Visa: Student.

Purpose: High-school education.

## Return to China:

Date of departure: July 1933.

Port of departure: New York, N. Y., via Europe.

Name of steamer: Steamship *Hamburg*.

## Second trip to United States:

Date of arrival: August 1934.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *President Coolidge*.

Passport: Student.

Visa: Student.

Purpose: College education.

## Return to China:

Date of departure: July 1935.

Port of departure: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *President Hoover*.

Reason: Recalled to China by father to assist in father's office at Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Hankow, China.

## Third trip to United States:

Date of arrival: August 1, 1949.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *President Cleveland*.

Accompanied by: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thu, and sisters, Misses Catherine and Anne B. Thu.

Passport: No. XXXXX (visitor's), issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shanghai, China, on March 5, 1949.

Expiration of passport: March 4, 1952.

Nonimmigrant visa: No. [REDACTED]; section 3 (2); issued by the American consulate general in Hong Kong on June 22, 1949.

Extension of visa: January 20, 1950.

Expiration of visa: July 31, 1950.

Alien registration No.: [REDACTED] visa number).

Purpose of visit to United States: To visit married sister, brother-in-law, and baby niece.

**Work experience:**

The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Hankow, China, 1935-37.

Presently unemployed; household duties at home.

**Personal data:**

Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic.

Parentage: Chinese.

Name of father: Francis K. S. Thu.

Name of mother: Mary Luke Thu.

Marital status: Single.

Height: 5 feet 2 inches.

Weight: 100 pounds.

Physical disabilities: None.

**Relatives in United States:**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. T. Chang (sister and brother-in-law) (Mr. Chang is a naturalized American citizen, World War II veteran; Mrs. Chang is presently a permanent resident, will obtain citizenship in November 1950).

Misses Regina Marie and Denise Ann Chang (children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chang); all of 119-34 One Hundred and Seventy-first Street, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

Bank references: See father's, Francis Thu's, data sheet.

**Personal references:**

Mr. C. W. Corbaley, Robert Dollar Steamship Co., 21 West Street, New York, N. Y.

Mr. George Bell, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. John J. Regan, 61 Verndale Road, Newton Highlands, Mass.

**ANNE BERNADETTE THU**

Age: 25 years.

Sex: Female.

Date of birth: September 18, 1924.

Place of birth: Hankow, China.

Foreign address: 8 Station Street, Hankow, China (occupied by Communists).

United States address: 187-26 One Hundred and Twentieth Avenue, St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y.; telephone: [REDACTED].

Nationality: Chinese.

**Education:**

St. Mary's School, Hankow, China, 1929-37.

Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, Hong Kong, February-July 1938; April-July 1940.

St. Mary's School, Kowloon, Hong Kong, September 1938-March 1939.

Loretto School, Shanghai, China, April-December 1939.

College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn., 1940-41.

Phoenix Junior College, Phoenix, Ariz., February-May 1942; diploma.

University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz., June 1942-January 1944; bachelor of arts degree received May 17, 1944.

Arizona College of Commerce, Tucson, Ariz., October-December 1943.

**Work experience:**

Letter-magazine edited and published in Tucson, Ariz.; part-time work as stenographer while attending university June 1943-January 1944.

Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., Portland, Oreg., October 1944-March 1945.

Chinese Air Force, Washington, D. C., November 1945-March 1946.

Chinese Supply Commission, Washington, D. C., April-September 1946.

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Hankow, China, September-December 1947.

The Shell Co. of China, Ltd., Hankow, China, April-December 1948.

Nederlandsche Verkoop Organisatie, N. V., Hong Kong, February-July 1949.



**First trip to United States:**

Date of arrival in United States: August 26, 1940.

Port of entry: Seattle, Wash.

Name of steamer: Steamship *Empress of Russia*.

Visa: Section 6 certificate issued in Hong Kong.

Alien registration No.: Can't remember; card surrendered upon departure in 1946.

Accompanied by: Father and sister.

Student passport issued by Chinese consulate general at Chicago, Ill., on January 13, 1941. Date of extensions: January 26, 1944; December 5, 1945; August 22, 1946; date of expiration: August 22, 1947.

Change of section 6 certificate (visitor's visa) to that of student by Immigration and Naturalization Service in Seattle, Wash., on February 12, 1941; date of extensions: August 21, 1942; September 19, 1944; September 19, 1945; September 27, 1946.

Purpose of visit to United States: To pursue college education.

**Return to China:**

Date of departure from United States: December 2, 1946.

Port of departure: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *General Meigs*.

Accompanied by: Married sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. T. Chang.

**Second trip to United States:**

Date of arrival in United States: August 1, 1949.

Port of entry: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of steamer: Steamship *President Cleveland*.

Accompanied by: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thu, and sisters, Misses Catherine and Victoria Thu.

Passport: No. [REDACTED] (issued in Chicago, Ill., in 1941) extended by the Hong Kong office of the commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on January 10, 1949.

Extension of passport: September 27, 1949.

Expiration of passport: January 9, 1951.

Visa: No. [REDACTED]; issued by the American consulate general in Hong Kong on June 22, 1949; section 3 (2).

Extensions of visa: November 23, 1949; May 5, 1950.

Date of expiration: July 31, 1950.

Alien registration No.: [REDACTED]

Purpose of visit to United States: To visit married sister and brother-in-law.

**Personal data:**

Marital status: Single.

Parentage: Chinese.

Name of father: Francis K. S. Thu.

Name of mother: Mary Luke Thu.

Religious affiliation: Roman Catholic.

Height: 5 feet 2 inches.

Weight: 97 pounds.

Physical disabilities: None.

Remarks: Presently unemployed. Planning to attend Fordham University during summer, 1950.

**References:**

Mr. C. W. Corbaley, Robert Dollar Steamship Co., 21 West Street, New York, N. Y.

Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. John J. Regan, 61 Verndale Road, Newton Highlands, Mass.

Rev. John J. Regan, 475 Logan Street, Denver, Colo.

Bank references: See father, Francis Thu's data sheet.

**Relative in United States:**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. T. Chang (sister and brother-in-law), Misses Regina Marie and Denise Ann Chang (nieces), all of 119-34 One Hundred Seventy-first Street, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. Paul Chang is a naturalized American citizen, World War II veteran; Mrs. Teresa Chang will get United States citizenship in November 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thu, Misses Victoria and Catherine Thu.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 56) should be enacted.